Karnataka Ordinance for Take Over of Tatgunin Estate

2510. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has promulgated an Ordinance to take over the Tatguni Estate, belonging to Mr. Reorich and Devika Rani near Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has given its concurrence for the Ordinance;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in giving the concurrence; and

(d) the purpose for which the State Government is taking over the Estate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The Roerich and Devikarani Roerich Estate (Acquisition and Transfer) Ordinance, 1995 was received in this Ministry for conveying previous instructions of the President for promulgation of the Ordinance. After examination of the same by the concerned Departments, comments have been conveyed to the Government of Karnataka for their consideration and suitable amendments to the Ordinance wherever necessary. The Government of Karnataka has not so far reverted back to us.

Restricted Areas in States

2511. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the places declared as restricted areas under the Foreigners (Restricted Area) Order, 1993, in various States;

(b) whether the number of tourists visiting tourist spots in these areas has declined over the years;

(c) whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government to withdraw/amend the above mentioned Order; and

(d) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The whole of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, entire area in Sikkim from the Southern border of Sikkim upto the innerline, and entire Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands have been declared as Restricted Areas under the Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963.

(b) Information about the tourists visiting areas covered by the Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963 is not centrally maintained.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) All aspects of the issue are being considered.

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2512. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुवाहाटी से दिल्ली आ रही ब्रह्मपुत्र मेल के सैनिक डिब्बे में एक विस्फोट हुआ था; यदि हां, तो उसमें कितने सैनिक मारे गए और कितने घायल हुए और कितने सैनिकों की हालत नाजुक थी;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस दुर्घटना के कारणों का पता लगाने के लिये कोई जांच की है; यदि हां, तो क्या परिणाम निकले और सरकार द्वारा इस जांच के प्रतिवेदन के आधार पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ग) क्या इस विस्फोट में मारे गए सुरक्षा कर्मियों/व्यक्तियों के शव बरामद कर लिए गए हैं और उनकी पहचान कर ली गई है; यदि हां, तो सरकार ने मृत सुरक्षा कर्मियों के आश्रितों को सहायता प्रदान करने और उन्हें रोजगार देने के लिये क्या उपाय किये हैं?